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Commissioner of Patent P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The applicants would like to call to the Examiner's attention a feature that was implemented by the assignee of the present application more than one year prior to the effective filing date of the application. The following is a description of the feature as implemented prior to August 2001.

The feature involved a broadcast system broadcasting a music channel to a plurality of set-top-boxes, wherein, at substantially any given point in time, a song would be playing on the music channel. Thus, when a user tunes his set-top-box to the music channel, the set-to-box would provide to the television set ("TV") connected to the set-top-box an audio 622135 12066793 63 FC:1806 180.00 DA

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signal containing the song so that the user could listen to the song through his TV. In addition to the set-top-box providing to the TV the audio signal, the set-top-box would also provide a video signal to the TV. The video signal would contain a video rendering of text data that was transmitted by the broadcast system to the set-top-box together with the song.

The broadcast system included the following components: a first computer for selecting the songs for the music channel and a second computer ("song id server") for retrieving text data from a database. After the first computer selects a song for the music channel, the first computer would send to the song id server a trigger message that included an identifier associated with the selected song. In response to the receiving the trigger message, the song id server used the identifier to retrieve text from the database. The text would include information such as the title of the song and the name of the artist. After the text data was retrieved from the database, the broadcast system would broadcast to the set-top-boxes a DCII text message along with an audio signal containing the song. The DCII text message contained the retrieved text data. this way, the music channel transmitted to the set-top-boxes would contain an audio signal and text data. As described above, when the set-top box was tuned to the music channel, the

set-top-box would provide to the TV connected to the set-top-box the audio signal containing the song. Additionally, in response to receiving the DCII text message, the set-top-box would render the text as video so that it could be displayed on the TV screen. Thus, when the user tuned his set-to-box to the music channel, the user would not only hear the music being played on the channel, but also would see the text data transmitted with the music.

Respectfully submitted,

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